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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1                   1.       (Currently Amended) A method for obtaining location information for a  
2 wireless unit of interest in a wireless network, comprising the steps of:  
3                   providing a system operative to procure location information for a wireless unit of  
4 interest from at least one location information source associated with the wireless network;  
5                   establishing an interface for communications between said system and an entity  
6 requesting location information for said wireless unit of interest, wherein said interface defines a  
7 standardized format for requesting and providing said location information;  
8                   verifying authorization for said entity to obtain location information for said  
9 wireless unit of interest independent of location finding preferences of said wireless unit of  
10 interest;  
11                   obtaining, from said system, location information for said wireless unit of interest;  
12 and  
13                   analyzing the location information to monitor a location of the wireless unit over  
14 time; and  
15                   providing said monitored location information to a recipient associated with said  
16 request.

1                   2.       (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said obtaining step further  
2 comprises: overriding a privacy setting associated with said wireless unit of interest.

1                   3.       (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein obtaining is performed free of  
2 said wireless unit of interest being notified of said location information being procured.

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1                   4.       (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said establishing step allows a  
2 requesting entity to define at least one trigger event for triggering the obtaining of said location  
3 information.

1                   5.       (Original) The method of Claim 4, wherein said trigger event comprises at  
2 least one:  
3                   a schedule;  
4                   said wireless unit one of sending and receiving wireless communications;  
5                   said wireless unit being identified relative to an area of interest.

1                   6.       (Original) The method of Claim 5, wherein said establishing step allows a  
2 requesting entity to define at least one said area of interest.

1                   7.       (Original) The method of Claim 6, wherein said area of interest comprises  
2 at least one of:  
3                   an address;  
4                   a point and radius;  
5                   another wireless unit; and  
6                   a geographic boundary.

1                   8.       (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said identifying step further  
2 comprises:  
3                   providing a system operative to provide location information for a said wireless  
4 unit of interest from at least first and second location information sources associated with the  
5 wireless network, wherein said first and second location information sources employ first and  
6 second different location finding technologies.

1                   9.       (Original) The method of Claim 8, wherein said system is operative to  
2 aggregate information from said at least first and second different location finding technologies  
3 to enhance the accuracy of said location information.

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1                   10.   (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein said verifying authorization  
2   step comprises verifying court ordered authorization.

1                   11.   (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein providing comprises providing  
2   said location information to a recipient at a location other than that associated with said  
3   requesting entity.

1                   12.   (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising:  
2                   comparing said location information to at least one location of interest to monitor  
3   the movement of said wireless unit relative to said point of interest.

1                   13.   (Original) The method of Claim 12, further comprising:  
2                   upon an uncertainty associated with said location information overlapping said at  
3   least one location of interest, notifying a third party that said wireless unit is proximate to said at  
4   least one location of interest.

1                   14.   (Original) The method of Claim 13, wherein said third party is a law  
2   enforcement agency.

1                   15.   (Currently Amended) A method for obtaining location information for a  
2   wireless unit of interest in a wireless network, comprising the steps of:  
3                   providing a system in communication with a first wireless carrier network having  
4   a first subscriber set and a second carrier network having a second subscriber set, wherein said  
5   system is operative to provide location information for subscribers of each of said carrier  
6   networks;  
7                   receiving a location information inquiry for a wireless unit of interest, wherein  
8   said inquiry requests said location information be provided independent of any location-finding  
9   preferences of said wireless unit of interest;  
10                  obtaining multiple instances of said location information from said system  
11   independent of said location-finding preferences; and

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12                    analyzing the multiple instances of location information to monitor a location of  
13 the wireless unit; and  
14                    providing said monitored location information to a location associated with said  
15 request.

1                    16.    (Original) The method of Claim 15, wherein said obtaining step further  
2 comprises:  
3                    overriding a privacy setting associated with said wireless unit of interest.

1                    17.    (Original) The method of Claim 15, wherein obtaining is performed free  
2 of said wireless unit of interest being notified of said location information being procured.

1                    18.    (Original) The method of Claim 15, wherein obtaining comprises  
2 obtaining location information for a said wireless unit of interest from at least first and second  
3 location information sources, wherein said first and second location information sources employ  
4 first and second different location finding technologies.

1                    19.    (Original) The method of Claim 18, wherein said system is operative to  
2 aggregate information from said at least first and second different location finding technologies  
3 to enhance the accuracy of said location information.

1                    20.    (Original) The method of Claim 15, further comprising:  
2                    verifying authorization associated with said inquiry for said entity to obtain said  
3 location information for said wireless unit of interest free of any location-finding preferences of  
4 said wireless unit of interest.

1                    21.    (Original) The method of Claim 15, further comprising:  
2                    establishing an interface for communications between said system and an entity  
3 requesting location information for said wireless unit of interest, wherein said interface defines a  
4 standardized format for requesting and providing said location information.

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1                   22.   (Currently Amended) A method for obtaining location information for a  
2 wireless unit of interest in a wireless network, comprising the steps of:

3                   accessing a system operative to provide location information for wireless units  
4 within a wireless network;

5                   identifying a wireless unit of interest;

6                   monitoring a location of the wireless unit of interest;

7                   defining at least one trigger event the occurrence of which will result in the  
8 provisioning of location information for said wireless unit of interest, wherein said location  
9 information is provided independent of any location-finding preferences of said wireless unit of  
10 interest;

11                  receiving said location information upon the occurrence of said event.

1                   23.   (Original) The method of Claim 22, wherein said obtaining step further  
2 comprises: overriding a privacy setting associated with said wireless unit of interest.

1                   24.   (Original) The method of Claim 22, wherein obtaining is performed free  
2 of said wireless unit of interest being notified of said location information being procured.

1                   25.   (Original) The method of Claim 22, wherein said trigger event comprises  
2 at least one:

3                   a schedule;

4                   said wireless unit one of sending and receiving wireless communications;

5                   said wireless unit being identified relative to an area of interest.

1                   26.   (Original) The method of Claim 25, further comprising: defining said at  
2 least one said area of interest.

1                   27.   (Original) The method of Claim 26, wherein said area of interest  
2 comprises at least one of:

3                   an address;

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4 a point and radius;  
5 another wireless unit; and  
6 a geographical boundary.

1 28. (Original) The method of Claim 22, wherein accessing comprises  
2 accessing a system operative to obtain location information for said wireless unit of interest from  
3 at least first and second location information sources associated with said first and second  
4 location information sources, wherein said first and second location information sources employ  
5 first and second different location finding technologies.

1 29. (Original) The method of Claim 22, further comprising:  
2 comparing said location information to at least one location of interest to monitor  
3 the movement of said wireless unit relative to said point of interest.

1 30. (Original) The method of Claim 29, further comprising:  
2 upon an uncertainty associated with said location information overlapping said at  
3 least one location of interest, notifying a party that said wireless unit is proximate to said at least  
4 one location of interest.

1 31. (Original) A method for obtaining location information for a wireless unit  
2 of interest in a wireless network, comprising the steps of:  
3 identifying a wireless unit of interest;  
4 establishing at least one zone of interest associated with said wireless unit of  
5 interest;  
6 obtaining location information for said wireless unit of interest from at least one  
7 location information source associated with the wireless network  
8 monitoring a location of said wireless unit relative to said at least one zone of  
9 interest;  
10 notifying a party other than a user of said wireless unit of interest upon an  
11 uncertainty of said location overlapping with at least one said zone of interest.

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1                   32.    (Original) The method of Claim 31, wherein said notifying step is  
2 performed free of said wireless unit being notified of said location information being procured.

1                   33.    (Original) The method of Claim 31, wherein said monitoring step is  
2 performed independent of any location-finding preferences of said wireless unit of interest.

1                   34.    (Original) The method of Claim 31, further comprising:  
2                   a plurality of said zones of interest; and  
3                   a plurality of wireless units of interest, wherein each of said plurality of wireless  
4 units of interest are monitored relative to said plurality of said zones of interest.